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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

a. JP-A-59-53171: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report.

b. JP-Y-06-007896: The relevance of this document can be understood from the discussion at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

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		JP-Y-06-007896	March 2, 1994	Japan				X

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